(b) the reasons for this discriminatory and faulty policy;

(c) if so, the new policy to be adopted by Government for providing identical facilities in all types of flats; and

(d) by when an appropriate action is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Fixing of tiles and kota stone in Government quarters is a time consuming and expensive task. It is, therefore, taken up in quarters that have been vacated. This allows workers unhindered access to the work. Limited financial resources restrict the number of upgradation projects that can be taken up at any given time. Improving the living conditions in the various quarters in a category-wise uniformity is an on-going principle of Government.

Development of cities of pilgrimage

†2090. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific scheme for development of the cities renowned for various places of pilgrimage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to formulate any such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) As far as Ministry of Urban Development is concerned, there is no specific scheme for development of the cities renowned for various places of pilgrimage. However, this Ministry has launched 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission' on 3rd December, 2005. The Mission initially proposes to provide reformed linked central assistance for development of infrastructure in 63 select cities, whch have a population of more than one million and all the State capitals and 9 other cities of religious/historic and touristic importance. These cities are Ujjain, Bodh Gaya, Puri, Hardwar, Mathura, Nanded, Ajmer-Pushkar, Mysore and Nainital.

(c) Does not arise.

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